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OILSEEDS PRODUCTION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the oilseeds producing edible oils are sown and harvested in different months of the year in the country;

(b) if so, the names of oilseeds sown in 2007-08 alongwith the months in which these seeds were sown and the area of land used therefor separately;

(c) the year-wise details of the area of land used for growing oilseeds during the last three years;

(d) whether the production of coconut and soyabean has increased and mustard oil seed has decreased in 2007-08 as against the previous year; and

(e) if so, the quantity thereof alongwith the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a)&(b): The oilseeds producing edible oils are sown and harvested in different months of the year in the country.The details of crop-wise, season-wise sowing of major oilseeds and area

under each of them in the country during 2007-08 are given as under:

Crop	Area(000' hectare)	Sowing Season
Groundnut	5245	Kharif (June,July)
	1065	Rabi (September,October) Summer (February, March)
Rapeseed/ Mustard	5878	Rabi (October,November)
Soybean	8800	Kharif (June,July)

Sunflower 751 Kharif
(June to August)

1085 Rabi
(September,October)
Summer
(February,March)

Safflower 318 Rabi
(October,November)

(c): The details of year-wise area coverage of various oilseed crops during last three years are at Annexure.

(d) & (e): The production of coconut during 2006-07 was 15.84 billion nuts as against the estimated production of 15.50 billion nuts during 2007-08.The production of soybean has increased by 582.20 thousand tonnes during 2007-08 as compared to the previous year.The increase in the production of soybean has mainly been on account of increase in area coverage and favourable weather conditions.

The production of Rapeseed/Mustard has decreased by 1006.80 thousand tonnes during 2007-08 as compared to the previous year. The decrease in production of Rapeseed/Mustard can mainly be attributed to the reduction in area coverage and unfavorable climatic conditions.